

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The various informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. A new Abstract is provided in Appendix A. Substitute drawing sheets are provided in Appendix B. New drawing sheets are provided in Appendix C. A substitute specification is provided in Appendix D.

The prior art grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

According to our claims 46 and 50, the charge processing device receives the toll data relating to the area where a charge is applied. Accordingly, the charge information is generated by using the received toll data (the charge processing is performed on the basis of the received toll data).

In contrast, the cited references merely suggest a device that receives position information of the moving body, and does not teach or suggest that the device receives the toll data and that charge information is generated by using the received toll data.

Our claims 67, 70 inventions include transmitting means that transmit the charge history of the charge information generated by the making means to a ground station.

There is no specific teaching or even a suggestion in any of the references relating to this feature.

Our claim 71 invention requires that the amount of the charge settlement is altered on the basis of the duration of time. The duration of time is, for example, from a time in which the vehicle enters the area where the charge is applied to a time in which the vehicle enters the predetermined processing area where the charge settlement processing is preformed.

Our claim 72 invention includes storage means capable of being inserted and removed for storing a predetermined area in which a charge is applied which area is set based on predetermined map information in correspondence with a predetermined area in the map

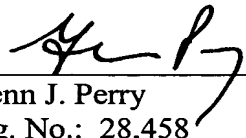
information, the storage means being a toll card, for example, an IC card or a prepaid card.

This feature is not found in any of the cited references.

All matters having been addressed, a Notice of Allowance for the amended claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached: Appendix